

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. *(Currently Amended)* A friendship object kit comprising at least a pair of friendship objects that are packaged and sold together, where a first one of the friendship objects is for a first person to keep and second one of the friendship objects is for a second person to receive from the first person, the pair of friendship objects each comprising a ~~connector~~ connecting mechanism associated with it so that multiple friendship objects from different pairs of friendship objects can be linked together by one person.
2. *(original)* The friendship object kit of claim 1 wherein the objects are plush animal-shaped objects.
3. *(original)* The friendship object kit of claim 1 wherein the objects are animal-shaped objects.
4. *(Currently Amended)* The friendship object kit of claim 1 wherein the ~~connector~~ connecting mechanism comprises at least a jewelry clasp.
5. *(Currently Amended)* The friendship object kit of claim 1 wherein the ~~connector~~ connecting mechanism comprises hook and loop fastener material.

6. **(original)** The friendship object kit of claim 1 wherein at least the second one of the friendship objects is personalized by the first person before receipt by the second person.
7. **(original)** The friendship object kit of claim 1 wherein the friendship object is personalized by a visual message.
8. **(original)** The friendship object kit of claim 1 wherein the friendship object is personalized by an audible message.
9. **(original)** The friendship object kit of claim 1 wherein the friendship object comprises a voice recording and playback mechanism to enable a friendship object to be personalized by an audible message.
10. **(Currently Amended)** The friendship object kit of claim 1 wherein a recipient of multiple friendship objects can connect the friendship objects together via the ~~connector connecting~~ mechanisms of the respective friendship objects.
11. **(original)** The friendship object kit of claim 1 wherein a recipient of multiple friendship objects can connect the friendship objects together to form a wearable article.
12. **(Currently Amended)** The friendship object kit of claim 1 wherein a recipient of multiple friendship objects can connect the friendship objects together via the ~~connector connecting~~ mechanisms of the respective friendship objects to form a wearable article.

13. *(original)* The friendship object kit of claim 1 wherein the friendship objects are substantially similar.
14. *(original)* The friendship object kit of claim 1, wherein the friendship objects are complimentary.
15. *(original)* The friendship object kit of claim 14 wherein the friendship objects are complimentary to create a static synergistic effect when brought close together or in contact.
16. *(original)* The friendship object kit of claim 14 wherein the friendship objects are complementary to create a dynamic synergistic effect when brought close together or in contact.